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**AMENDMENT AND SUBMISSION FOR
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Sir:

This amendment and reply is responsive to a Final Office Action dated July 20, 2005 and an Advisory Action dated October 5, 2005, and to a telephone conference with the Examiner on November 17, 2005, in relation to the above-referenced patent application. This amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) that is filed herewith. The shortened three-month statutory period for response to the Office Action expired on October 20, 2005. With the accompanying petition for a two month extension of time and the requisite fee, this response is timely filed.

The patent office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required for the filing or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2350. For the purpose of using said deposit account, a duplicate of page one and a signature page of the response is submitted herewith.



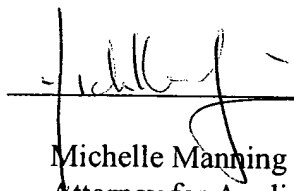
The facts of the present application are analogous to those of Ex parte Parks. Throughout the present specification the discussion describes the application of fully polymerized polymers to a conveyor part. There is no mention of crosslinking in the specification. In fact, as one of skill in the art would recognize, the types of polymers described in the pending application would not undergo crosslinking without the use of crosslinking agents, high temperatures, or both. Therefore, if the disclosure were intended to cover lubricating coatings formed by post-application crosslinking, the present specification would seem to cry out for a crosslinking agent and a post-application heat treatment step. The absence of such a disclosure reflects the fact that the lubricating coatings described and exemplified in the specification are formed without post-application polymerization or crosslinking, as one of skill in the art would recognize. Therefore, despite the lack of literal support for the negative limitation that the hydrophobic polymer and the alkali soluble resin do not undergo polymerization or crosslinking after application to a conveyor part, the originally-filed disclosure would clearly convey to one of ordinary skill in the art that Applicants had possession of the invention of new claims 55-62 at the time of filing.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims remaining in the application are in condition for allowance and favorable action thereon is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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